(a) whether it is a fact that Lashkar-e-Toiba is an outlawed organization in India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Lashkar-e-Toiba flags were openly waved in a public rally held in Srinagar recently;

(c) if so, why they were allowed to do so; and

(d) the action taken against them after the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPKAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The supporters of the All Party Hurriyat Conference (G) organized a rally when their leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani returned to Srinagar after his treatment in Mumbai. While the rally accompanying Geelani was on its way to Eidgah, a masked person carrying a flag of 'Jamat-ud-Dawa' parent organization of Lashkar-e-Toiba outfit joined it.

(c) and (d) Police Station Safakadal has registered an FIR No. 70/2007 U/S 13,18 Unlawful Activities Act against the All Party Hurriyat Conference (G) leaders including Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

Scrapping of Armed Forces Special Power Act and Disturbed Areas Act

4503. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minisiter of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a key working group on Kashmir set up by Government has recommended scrapping of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act and the Disturbed Areas Act, as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have examined the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Jammu and Kashmir Working Group on Confidence Building measures across segment of society in the State has recommended the review and revocation of laws that impinge on Fundamental rights of common citizens, such as Armed Forces Special Powers Act.

(c) An Expert Panel has been appointed to review the application of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act to different areas of the State. The review will be carried out in conformity with the legal requirements of a periodic review of the application of the Armed Forces (Jammu and Kashmir) Special Powers Act, 1990.

ISI inciting violence against Hindi speaking people in NE

†4504. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the ISI is operational in the North Eastern Region of India and is inciting violence against Hindi speaking people working in Assam and other North Eastern States;

(b) whether Government are also aware that some Western countries are involved in assisting ISI for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to control this situation and to uproot the terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Inputs reveal that there are links of some of the North Eastern Undergrounds/Groups with external agencies.

(b) The Government has no specific report in this regard.

(c) The Government has taken various steps to control the insurgency in North Eastern States. These include, *inter alia,* deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para Military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities Act, 1958, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernization/upgradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at States and Central Government level is being made.

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